

# JOHN BURT

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## Chapter XVIII—Continued.

That evening Arthur Morris called on Jessie. Of her favorable answer to his suit he had not the slightest doubt. He had carefully rehearsed his avowal. After critically reviewing his campaign since quitting Paris he decided that he had made no mistakes.

He made his declaration confidently, but with more of feeling than Jessie thought him capable. "Mr. Morris," she said with an earnestness which almost tricked herself, "I owe a duty to my father which I cannot forego. He is alone and in trouble, and I cannot leave him. You know little of the pride of the Cardens if you imagine that the daughter of General Marshall Carden will give her hand in marriage so long as the shadow of bankruptcy hangs over his name."

Morris again assured Jessie of his absolute confidence in General Carden's financial future, and attempted to secure some conditional promise from her.

"I am willing to wait, don't you know," he said. "I'm sure General Carden will come out all right. Go abroad if you like, but promise to marry me when you return." He gazed longingly at her.

"No, I will promise not to marry within the next two years. Will that satisfy you?"

Morris left Jessie's presence wild with delight over his fancied success. A few days later General Carden arrived from Boston, and held several conferences with Arthur Morris. One night he greeted Jessie with unusual tenderness. The old proud light was in his eyes. His shoulders were thrown back and his step was elastic.

"I am no longer a bankrupt, Jessie, my darling," he said, when they were alone. "I have so disposed of my securities to Mr. Morris that I am able to pay all of my debts and have enough remaining to send you abroad,

Jessie remained behind. Back through the swiftly-flying years her fancy wandered to the summer day when, under the tuition of a sturdy farmer lad, she fished for crabs over the side of the bridge.

Did John Burt yet live? Did she yet hold the place in his heart she occupied on that night, when, under the old maples, she rested against his breast and bade him a sad farewell? Would he return? When? The little brook, flowing towards the ocean on the outgoing tide, seemed the sole connecting link between the past and the future.

The clatter of hoofs aroused Jessie from her reverie. She looked up to see Edith coming towards her.

"What attraction has that muddy old creek?" demanded Edith. "Come on, Jessie; uncle Tom has sounded the horn for dinner."

On the morrow Edith and Mrs. Bishop went to Boston on a shopping expedition, but they could not persuade Jessie to accompany them. In the afternoon she ordered her horse saddled, and, declining an escort, soon disappeared in a turn of the road. Half an hour later she stopped in front of Peter Burt's farmhouse.

She had not dismounted when the great oaken door swung back and Peter Burt came towards her. There was a kindly gleam in his eye, as, with a courtly air, he bowed and greeted her.

"It is thoughtful of you to remember me, my child," he said, as he gave her his hand and helped her to dismount. "Jasper, take care of Miss Carden's horse! We will sit in the shade of the trees; it is cool and pleasant here. How is your father, my child?"

"He is very well," answered Jessie. "Since you saw him he has had financial trouble, but his affairs are in better shape now. He lives in New York."

## CHAPTER XX.

### General Carden is Puzzled.

"Here are the papers, papa dear. And here are cigars and matches. I found your glasses on the writing desk. You are careless as ever, papa dear. Isn't it nice to have some one who knows just what you wish and where to find it?"

"It is, Jessie, my pet!" And General Carden placed his arm around his daughter's waist, drew her fair face down to his and kissed her fondly.

"I shall not let you read all the evening, papa, because I have so many things to tell you," said Jessie, smoothing back the scant gray locks.

They were in the cozy drawing room of Mr. Bishop's New York residence.

"It is remarkable how easily a new concern can establish itself in Wall Street," said General Carden, laying aside his paper and slowly wiping his glasses. Jessie raised her eyes with dutiful interest. "It was not so in the old conservative days. It then took years to establish standing and credit. Now an unknown man can come out from the West and have the Street by the ears in thirty days. For example, take this man Blake, who has established the firm of Blake & Company. He suddenly appeared here from San Francisco and conducted a campaign which swept two old established houses off their feet. His profits were estimated at millions. Since then we have heard of nothing but the doings of James Blake. Here is an article," continued General Carden, picking up a paper, "which gives an account of a conference between this upstart and the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. They say Blake is only twenty-seven years old. Jessie, my dear, it is a great thing to be born fortunate. You were not wise, darling, in your selection of a father." General Carden smiled sadly.

"I've the best and dearest father in the world!" exclaimed Jessie, placing her hand in his. "But I'm not going to let him read the papers any more this evening. Let's forget all about the old stocks and the wonderful Mr. Blake, and talk of those we know. Papa, dear, I wish to ask you a question."

"What is it, my pet? They say that children must not ask questions."

"Has anything been heard of John Burt? I—I thought perhaps Mr. Morris would know as soon as any one."

General Carden's lips tightened. He pulled nervously at his beard, and the military moustache bristled aggressively.

"Answer me, papa! I have a right to know this."

There was a flash in the tender eyes and a warning curve in the pretty lips. The crimson left her cheek and she looked frankly into her father's face. There is in innocence the bravery of truth and the calm modesty of virtue. General Carden was disarmed.

"Nothing has been heard from Mr. Burt so far as I can learn, Jessie," he said. "Possibly his grandfather may have news. I am reasonably sure Mr. Morris has none. Let us talk of something else, Jessie."

The door opened and Mrs. Bishop entered.

"Here is your evening mail, Marshall," she said, handing her brother a number of letters. "And here is a letter for you, Jessie."

Jessie opened and read a note from Arthur Morris. It congratulated her on a safe return from abroad, and closed by asking permission to call on the first evening which would suit her convenience. The letter lay idly in her hand, and her thoughts were far away when the general uttered an exclamation.

"A most astounding coincidence! Really, this is quite remarkable!"

"What has happened, papa?" (To be continued.)

**Transformation of a Shabby Man.**  
A certain New York man whose bank account is so fat that it takes six figures to measure it, used to go around looking reprehensibly shabby. Recently there has been a change in his appearance. Nowadays his attire is really natty and he shaves at least three times a week.

One day the shabby looking man went into J. Pierpont Morgan's office on business connected with a charity. He asked to see Mr. Clarke, who looks after some of the charity affairs in which Mr. Morgan is interested.

"Mr. Clarke is not in now," said one of the clerks. "If you will come to-morrow you may be able to catch him and possibly he will help you a little."

The shabby-looking man thought that closing sentence sounded rather queer.

"Thank you," he said, sarcastically. "You are very kind."

"That's all right," replied the clerk. "I've been broke myself."

The shabby-looking man saw light. "Oh," he said.

Since then the shabby-looking man has ceased to be shabby.

**Raw Eggs a Tonic.**  
A raw egg is an excellent tonic and is very strengthening. If prepared in the following way it is really a delicious drink. Put the yolk of an egg into a dish with a teaspoonful of white sugar and a teaspoonful of orange or lemon juice, and beat lightly together with a fork. Put the whites on a plate and add a pinch of salt; then, with a broad-bladed knife, beat it to a stiff froth. Now, as lightly as possible, mix all together in the dish, then as lightly transfer it to a clean tumbler, which it will nearly fill if properly made. It must not stand in a warm place, as it soon becomes liquid and loses its snowy look. Any fruit juice may be used in place of orange or lemon.

## MISSED LAST YEAR'S TRIP.

### Miner Had Good Reason for Not Being Spotless.

Sir William Butler, an English soldier of distinction, said recently in giving testimony before a British commission in regard to militia service: "Warwickshire men miners and that class of people, like to get to the sea for ten days if they can possibly afford it—they will spend their own money to do it. They all bathe. I have a very long seacoast and we have a number of miners who really enjoy being out with their regiment of garrison artillery near the sea. They go to the sea because they fire over the sea and the bathing parade is as valuable, if not more so, than the drill; it freshens the men up and cleanses them. An officer told me last summer that when they were bathing there was one fellow with a very black skin, and he heard a man say to him 'Jack, you are pretty dirty.' 'Yes,' he said, 'I was not out at last year's training.'"

### To Make Soap From Tree.

An enterprise in Algeria is to manufacture natural soap on a large scale from a tree known as "Sapindus utilis." This plant, which has long been known in Japan, China and India, bears a fruit of about the size of a horse chestnut, smooth and round. The color varies from a yellowish green to brown. The inner part is of a dark color and has an oily kernel. The tree bears fruit in its sixth year and yields from 55 to 220 pounds of fruit, which can easily be harvested.

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**Influence of Light and Darkness.**  
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### Something of a Bird.

The possibilities of the English language are never better shown than when some western musical critic lays himself out in judgment upon one of Mr. Conried's operatic stars. Mme. Sembrich recently sang in San Francisco, and a newspaper critic of much distinction pronounced her "the peerless canary of coloratura."—New York Tribune.

### Children and Their Clothes.

If you have money, dress your children; but if you do not wish them to be regarded with dislike and contempt, teach them to forget that they are wearing fine clothes. Carefully impress on them that to make comparisons between their own garments and those of children less richly clad is to stamp themselves ill bred. Girls are worse than boys in this respect.

### Idea on a Case.

"Don't be afraid of making me angry by telling me your candid opinion of my verse, old fellow! Criticism doesn't make any difference with me." "I know that, my dear boy; but the trouble is that it doesn't make any difference with your verses, either."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### Resignation a Jewel.

Impatience relieves no ill; on the contrary, it is a sharp additional pang added to all the rest. But resignation soothes and lightens all we suffer by showing the gain there is behind.—Fenelon.

## TWO STEPS

### The Last One Helps the First.

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## Last Stop Was His Undoing.

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## Scientific Rubber Production.

The production of rubber from the Ficus Elastica in Upper Burma, Assam, and the Netherlands, is being rapidly increased. The seed of the Ficus Elastica, when the tree grows naturally in the forest, germinates almost invariably in the forks of trees thirty to forty feet above the surface of the ground, and the young trees grow in consequence for some six to ten years as epiphytes, after which the aerial roots reach the ground, and increase in size until some of them reach a girth of from four to six feet. It frequently happens that the trees on which the rubber seedling first germinated is killed by the more vigorous growing Ficus Elastica.

## Ate Chocolates While Condemned.

"During the trial the murderer Hoggart preserved the greatest composure. While his lordship addressed him, he leaned back on the seat in a careless attitude, at the same time eating confections, and when called on to attend to the sentence, he stood erect and heard it unmoved. This misguided youth will afford a sad example of the want of education, as we learned from his declaration that he cannot write."—The Scotsman, June 7, 1821.

## It Pays to Read Newspapers.

Cox, Wis., July 4.—Frank M. Russell of this place, had Kidney Disease so bad that he could not walk. He tried Doctors' treatment and many different remedies, but was getting worse. He was very low.

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## Johnny Not Such a Fool.

"When I have occasion to punish my son," said the austere man, "I always tell him that it hurts me more than it does him." "I don't," replied the plain, practical citizen; "Johnny may be a little headstrong and disobedient, but he has too much sense to believe anything like that."—Washington Star.

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